

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace the claims as set forth below.

**Claims 1-20 (Canceled)**

**Claim 21 (Currently Amended)** A surgical device comprising:

a tubular shaft having an internal lumen and a slot, the slot comprising a cross-sectional portion of the tubular shaft and disposed at a distal end thereof;

a hook member in communication with the slot;

a clamp slidably disposed in the slot between open and closed positions, the clamp having a clamping surface disposed at a distal end to capture tissue in the slot between the hook member and the clamping surface; and

at least one electrode for applying RF energy to the tissue captured in the slot.

**Claim 22 (Previously Presented)** The surgical device of claim 21, wherein the at least one electrode is carried on one of the hook member and clamp.

**Claim 23 (Previously Presented)** The surgical device of claim 22, wherein the at least one electrode is carried on the hook member on at least a portion of an edge of the slot.

**Claim 24 (Previously Presented)** The surgical device of claim 22, further comprising a cutting means for cutting the captured tissue subsequent to the application of RF energy.

**Claim 25 (Previously Presented)** The surgical device of claim 24, wherein the cutting means comprises a cutting blade slidably disposed in the internal lumen and having an extended position which extends into the slot.

**Claim 26 (Previously Presented)** The surgical device of claim 25, wherein the at least one electrode is carried on the cutting blade.

**Claim 27 (Currently Amended)** A surgical device comprising:  
a tubular shaft having an internal lumen and a slot, the slot comprising a cross-sectional portion of the tubular shaft and disposed at a distal end thereof;  
a hook member in communication with the slot, the hook member having at least one electrode for applying RF energy to tissue captured in the slot;  
a clamp slidably disposed in the slot between open and closed positions, the clamp having a clamping surface disposed at a distal end to capture the tissue in the slot between the hook member and the clamping surface.

**Claim 28 (Previously Presented)** The surgical device of claim 27, wherein the at least one electrode is carried on one of the hook member and clamp.

**Claim 29 (Previously Presented)** The surgical device of claim 27, further comprising a cutting means for cutting the captured tissue subsequent to the application of RF energy.

**Claim 30 (Previously Presented)** The surgical device of claim 29, wherein the cutting means comprises a cutting blade slidably disposed in the internal lumen and having an extended position which extends into the slot.

**Claim 31 (Previously Presented)** The surgical device of claim 30, wherein the at least one electrode is carried on the cutting blade.